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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: RESIDENCE SERVANTS
FOR EMBASSY DOHA, QATAR

1. AMB'S RESIDENCE IN URGENT NEED OF COOK OR COOK/MAID COUPLE
AND IT HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT SUCH PERSON OR COUPLE MIGHT BE
RECRUITED FROM VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PRESENTLY IN TEMPORARY
CAMPS IN PHILIPPINES, GUAM OR WAKE, AND POSSIBLY U.S.

2. ASSUME THAT AMONG REFUGEES THERE MUST BE COMPETENT SERVANTS
WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR AMERICANS. WE REQUIRE
EXPERIENCED COOK WHO ABLE TO HANDLE REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS
AND WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH. WIFE/MAID SHOULD ALSO BE SIMILARLY
QUALIFIED. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE FACILITIES WHICH
WOULD ACCOMMODATE COUPLE WITH CHILDREN.

3. GOING RATE FOR COOK AVERAGES \$280 PER MONTH AND MAID'S
SALARY AVERAGES \$182. AS LIVING QUARTERS, WE COULD OFFER TWO
AIR-CONDITIONED FURNISHED ROOMS. THESE TERMS NEGOTIABLE
PROVIDED PROSPECTIVE COOK MERITS ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.
TRANSPORTATION COSTS MAY BE A PROBLEM, BUT WE WONDER IF U.S.
RELIEF FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. ALTHOUGH GOVT OF QATAR HAS OFFICIALLY DECLINED TO ACCEPT
ANY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, WE CONFIDENT EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE
ENTRY FOR COOK OR COOK/MAID COUPLE FOR RESIDENCE.

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5. WE REALIZE THAT LOGISTIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH
SETTLING REFUGEES HEAVY BURDEN ON USG FACILITIES, BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY ATTENTION DEPT CAN GIVE TO THIS REQUEST WHICH
WOULD SERVE DUAL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING USEFUL EMPLOYMENT TO
REFUGEE(S) AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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